

START CLEANING HOLE JAN. 1

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spring.

Personally we have a lot of faith in Bodine. He is an old timer at the game and knows the ins and outs as well as anyone, and we feel that he is deserving of the support of the people of the community in his efforts to open this field.

During the operations by Mr. Bodine no one will be permitted to visit the works without a permit.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Seward, ss.

A. M. Morrow, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, states: That he was at the test well being drilled by the Seward County Oil and Gas Company on the Sealey farm north of Liberal, Kansas, in the month of August, 1922, on a Monday morning about 10 o'clock in the company of J. C. Mahoney, Chas. Summers, Lee Larabee, R. E. Colvin, J. E. George and the drilling crew working on the well, that affiant noticed when he first walked into the rig a strong smell of natural gas; that immediately afterward affiant walked out of the drilling rig and over to the slush pool; that on said pool he saw streaks and small pools of crude oil on the top of the slush pond over the mud and water and in the grass and weeds near the edge of said slush pond; that affiant dipped up about three or four ounces in a broken dish and made test stains for crude oil on a handkerchief and found the oil on the pool to be crude oil; further affiant saith not.

A. M. MORROW, Affiant.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of December, 1922.
ELVES WHITTEN,
(Seal) Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 21, 1926.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Seward, ss.

Sam Fields, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that on Sunday night, early in August, he was tool-dresser on a drilling crew engaged in drilling a well for oil and gas for the Seward County Oil and Gas Company on the Sealey farm north of Liberal, Kansas; that about 10:30 o'clock p. m., on said day affiant says that they were drilling in line at the approximate depth of 2420 feet; that affiant and the driller, one Frank Niel, noticed a kick or change in the line and tools, indicating a change in the formation thru which they were drilling, so they pulled the tools and ran the bailer; when the first bailer was brought up a few spots of oil were visible; the same was visible from the second bailer; when the bailer was run and brought up the third time, about half a barrel of crude oil was dumped; the bailer was run to the bottom of the hole each time; affiant states further that they ran the bailer afterward to the top of the water standing in the hole, about 2200 feet, but could bring up no oil from the top of the water.

Affiant states further that no further bailing was done, but that they started to underream in order to set the pipe the underreaming being finished, a string of casing dropped and the well was shut down or 20 to 25 days, during which time the crews were fishing for the casing. On the last day of work on the well, affiant and said Frank Niel ran the bailer down into the water in the hole, bringing up some water from the hole; when brought to the top, natural gas formed on the water at the top of the bailer, and the same was ignited and burned.

Further affiant saith not.
SAM FIELDS, Affiant.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of December, 1922.
HARRY G. ARMSTRONG,
(Seal) Notary Public.
My commission expires August 2, 1924.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Seward, ss.

John LaRue, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states: That he was present at the test well for oil and gas being drilled by the Seward County Oil and Gas Company on the Sealey farm 9 miles north of Liberal, Kansas, on Sunday night early in August, 1922, in the company of Ezra Shorb, the president of the Seward County Oil and Gas Company, C. E. Sealey, the owner of the land on which the well was being drilled, the drilling crew and affiant's wife, Marie LaRue; that he saw the crew run and draw the bailer from the well three times and the last two times he saw streams of crude oil dumped from the bailer, the oil running out from the slush box and over the slush pond; that affiant has worked in oil fields, and knows crude oil when he sees the same; and that he knows of his own knowledge that said crude oil was produced from said well; that affiant heard Ezra Shorb order the crew to do no more work until E. J. Skaer, the drilling contractor, arrived at the well. Further affiant saith not.

JOHN LARUE, Affiant.
Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 13th day of December, 1922.
(Seal) H. W. LANE,
Clerk District Court, Seward County, Kansas.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Seward, ss.

The affiant, C. A. Sealey, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states. That he is the owner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 280-33-33, Seward County, Kansas, on which the Seward County Oil and Gas Company were engaged in drilling a well for oil and gas during the month of August, 1922; that affiant's residence and improvements are located about three-fourths of a mile from the drilling and said well for oil and gas; that on Sunday night, early in August, 1922, about 10 o'clock affiant drove to the said well in his car; that there the following named persons were at the well, to-wit, Ezra Shorb, the president of the Seward County Oil and Gas Company, and Mr. and Mrs. John LaRue, residents of Liberal, Kansas, and the drilling crew, composed of Frank Niel and Sam Fields; that the crew was engaged in pulling the bailer from the said well the first time after drilling through 5 feet in line; that affiant watched the crew dump the bailer and in the first bailer affiant noticed dark spots the size of a dollar, which showed in the slush box; that the crew ran the bailer a second time and when it was brought up affiant saw dark spots or blotches in the slush box after the bailer was dumped and affiant first noticed fumes of crude oil that the bailer was run and brought up a third time and while it was being dumped affiant saw streams of crude oil as large as affiant's arm pouring from the bailer, filling the slush box full of oil; that the bailer was run and brought up a fourth time with the same result, and then affiant went out behind the rig and saw streams of oil running across the slush pond ten or twelve inches wide; that Ezra Shorb dipped up some of the oil in a tin can and took it into the rig and ordered operations to cease; that affiant later went to his home 3-4 of a mile south of the well and that he smelled crude oil or the fumes from it as much as a quarter of a mile from the well.

C. A. SEALEY, Affiant.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of December, 1922.
H. A. GASKILL,
(Seal) Notary Public.
My commission expires May 14th, 1924.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Kansas, County of Seward, ss.

J. C. Mahoney, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath states: That he was at the well being drilled for oil and gas by the Seward County Oil and Gas Company at the Sealey farm north of Liberal, Kansas, in the month of August, 1922; that at the affiant's request, one of the driller, one Frank Niel, run the bailer into said well, and when the same was brought up, affiant knows of his own knowledge that there was a quantity of crude oil in the same; that at said time and place affiant saw on the slush pond at said well approximately a barrel of crude oil that on the following day affiant saw Chas. Summers of Liberal, light a match and ignite a quantity of natural gas brought to the top of the well in the bailer. Further affiant saith not.

J. C. MAHONEY, Affiant.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of December, 1922.
H. A. GASKILL,
(Seal) Notary Public.
My commission expires May 14th, 1924.

L. E. Gardner left Saturday morning for Winfield, Kan., where he spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hestwood. Mrs. Gardner and children have been visiting there for some time.

Mrs. Quincy Kooos and little son of Branson, Colorado, arrived Thursday night for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis. Mrs. Kooos is a sister of Mrs. Davis.

Lewis Bloom returned Thursday from Manhattan, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bloom.

S. A. Miller made a business trip to Tyrone today.

SHERIFF'S SALE

(First published in Liberal Democrat December 28 1922)—5t

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a judgment rendered in the District Court in the County of Seward, in the State of Kansas, in an action wherein R. W. Harrison was plaintiff, and Otis Turner was Defendant, and of an exception issued on said judgment, to execution issued on said judgment, to Monday, the 29th day of January, A. D. 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., of that day at the front door of the Court House, in Liberal, in the County of Seward, in the State of Kansas, offer at Public Sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Seward, in the State of Kansas, namely:

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, all in Section 9, Twp. 35, Range 38.
W. O. NELSON, Sheriff.

MRS. ANNA SHARKEY

Mrs. Anna Rebekah Sharkey was born in Davis county, Oct. 2, 1852, and departed from this life Dec. 20, 1922. For the past score of years she has made her home in Liberal. In early life she united with the Christian church and a few years ago she transferred her membership to the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Sharkey was ill for about six weeks. She was in a local hospital and later taken to St. Joe, Mo., where everything possible was done for her recovery, but to no avail.

In the year of her birth her father, T. J. McDermott became a member of the King Hill Odd Fellows at St. Joe, Mo., and in honor of the Rebekahs she was given the name Ann Rebekah. Mr. McDermott still holds membership in the King Hill Odd Fellows, being the oldest member in that lodge. During Mrs. Sharkey's brief stay in the hospital at St. Joe the Odd Fellows and the pastor and members of the Presbyterian church showed every attention possible to Mrs. Sharkey.

She leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McDermott of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Lipscomb of Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Stevenson of Pratt, who was with her at the time of her death. A son, Earl Walker of Dalhart, Texas, and daughter, Mrs. John Horan of Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Friday, conducted by Rev. Mergler.

Mrs. Sharkey leaves a host of friends who suffer the loss of a kind friend and neighbor.

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Liberal, Kan.

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Mrs. J. H. Fargo went to Hutchinson Wednesday on a short business visit.

Miss Alice Martin went to Tyrone today to Bucklin after visiting relatives here.

Miss Lucile Erb arrived Tuesday from Minneola for a visit at the McGregor home southeast of town.

Roy and Cecil Gyger of Holly, Colorado, were here Monday visiting at the home of their parents.

Ralph Strickland of Garden City, was here Monday visiting at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Norris and daughter Vela of Kismet, were shopping here Tuesday.

Miss Blain Brisendine of Drumright, Oklahoma, is a guest this week of Miss Ruth Wright.

Albert Schessler arrived Wednesday evening from Wichita and will visit several days here with friends.

Dr. Vera L. Young arrived Saturday night from Chillicothe, Mo., for a week's visit here.

Bob Dickerson and S. A. Miller made a business trip to Guymon on Wednesday.

Earl Craig arrived Saturday from Hutchinson to spend Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rafferty of Spearman, Texas, were visiting with friends and relatives here this week.

Miss Lavern Couch of Haviland, arrived Sunday for a visit at the R. M. Gilbert home northwest of the city.

Mrs. Sarah Norton of Greensburg, was in the city the latter part of the week attending to business interests.

H. E. Penny, of Penny & Co., is a charter member of the Kansas Cleaners and Dyers. He was also a charter member of the Oklahoma Association when they organized three years ago.

"Rite it With Ray"

P. E. Roller left Saturday morning for Wichita, where he is spending the holidays at his home.

Miss Agnes Raymond returned Tuesday night from Wichita, where she spent Christmas at the home of her parents.

Miss Kate Bernard left Friday for her home in Halstead to spend the holidays.

Mrs. H. G. Tracy arrived Friday from Corydon, Ia., and will spend several months visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Smith.

Mrs. Paul Light and daughters left Sunday for Little River, Kansas, where they are visiting at the home of her parents.

Miss Ethel Davis who is teaching at Montezuma is spending several days here visiting.

Miss Wanie Condit is visiting this week at the home of her parents near Hayne.

Miss Edith Welch left Friday for her home in Wilburton, Kan., where she is spending the holidays. Edith is attending high school here.

S. C. Riggs returned Thursday evening from Fowler where he has been invoicing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Raub and daughter Dorothy went to Hutchinson Wednesday for a few days' visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calloway and children left Friday for Wichita and Peck, Kansas, where they are visiting at the homes of relatives. Mr. Calloway will go on to Kansas City to attend to some business interests before returning home.

We have the most modern cleaning plant in western Kansas. Come in, see us clean your garments. We have hundreds of dollars worth of new machinery, so as to clean your clothes right.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davenport left Wednesday for their home in Little Rock, Arkansas after visiting here at the Meredith home.

Mrs. Tom Hart arrived Tuesday from Archer City, Tex., and will be with her father W. F. Ragsdale, who is in a local hospital.

Mrs. J. M. Burns and Mrs. Tom Burns of Plains were Liberal shoppers Wednesday.

T. G. Pate and family spent Christmas with relatives in Guymon.

Miss Esther Walker will return Sunday to Enid, Oklahoma, where she will again take up her school work at Phillips University.

Mrs. W. H. Jones, who has been ill, is much improved.

Have your children's garments cleaned free at our plant this week, when accompanied with paid garment. Penny & Co. Phone 126.

L. T. Williams arrived Wednesday from Dalhart and will visit several days with relatives near Gray, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Visage and Mrs. Sarah Grovett left Wednesday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. J. E. Bevan left Wednesday for her home in Exter, Neb., after visiting at the home of her son Floyd Bevan in the Bethel neighborhood.

Dock Scott, an old time resident of Liberal, has been ill at the home of his brother, Dave Scott. He is now improving.

Mrs. Gladys Bailey arrived Friday from Langdon, Kan., to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bates, at Hugoton, Kan.

Miss Georgia Anthony returned Friday to her home in Lawrence, Kansas, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zirger and baby left Friday evening for Holton, Kansas, where they will spend the holidays at the home of relatives.

Miss Louise Boils came up from Dalhart Tuesday evening to visit several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Tack.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion L. Hays returned Tuesday to their home in Hutchinson after spending Christmas here at the W. H. Feather home.

Give Jewelry for the New Year's Gift

Many attractive and useful articles will be found in our up-to-date stock.

We wish to thank our friends and customers for their valued patronage, and wish you one and all a

Happy and Prosperous New Year

Stoner Jewelry Co.

PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURE IN 1923

New Year's Statement and Resume of Agricultural Conditions and Prospects.

Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long, hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to increase in local taxes, over which the farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better

things for agriculture in the year 1923.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Duroc-Poland stock pigs, weight about 40 lbs. Good Lee, 11 miles north and 2 miles west of Liberal. 22tf

FOR RENT—Steam-heated sleeping rooms. 323 N. Sherman. 22tf

TAKEN UP—On street of Liberal, a red cow 8 yr. old. R. P. Swartz. 21tf

FOR RENT—Modern room for man, 2 blocks from postoffice. Price right. Phone 149. 19tf

LOST—Odd Fellows Watch charm. Finder please notify A. C. Mahoney. 24tf

FOR SALE—3 dozen Rose Comb Brown Leghorn hens. Mrs. Vance Capps, Tyrone, Oklahoma. 24tf

FOR SALE—100 tons corn ensilage with good bunks to feed in. Plenty of water, 2 miles north and 7 west of Liberal. R. L. Ingham. 25tf

FOR SALE—Pure bred Single Comb White Leghorn cockerels. The famous Egg Producing English strain. \$2.00 each. T. R. King, Tyrone, Oklahoma. Rt. 2. 254tp

FOR SALE—Young Bronze Turkey. Toms. Goldbank strain, wt. about 25 lbs. Well marked individuals \$10. Mrs. Ed Venable, Lorena, Okla. 244tp

FOR SALE—Residence at 417 N. Prospect. Modern, except heat. Easy terms. Address R. M. Van Hying Dombey, Oklahoma, telephone Tyrone Exchange, 39-J. 244tp

LOST—Northwest of Liberal, a pair of tortoise rim nose glasses. They were in a case with the name of The Henry Zinn Optical Company, Hutchinson, Kansas. Finder please leave at the Liberal Democrat office.

FOR RENT—Good sleeping room for rent, \$10 per month. Call phone 2037.

Got a great big house by mistake; want to sell it or trade it for a smaller one. Fine location. Will take around \$2,000 cash to get possession and the balance is easy. Or will take smaller house and assume indebtedness. If interested address Big House, care Liberal Democrat. 1tf

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FOR SALE—Rose Comb Rhode Island Roosters, \$1 each. J. W. Preffert. 26-2tp

WANTED—One Presto light tank. See J. A. Brooks at the Brooks Land & Auto Company. 27-1tp

FOR SALE—Eight lots, with four-room house, windmill, barn for two head, shed room for two cars; six lots fenced. In Tyrone, Okla. Price \$11-800. Write Mrs. Wilma Schooley, Hugoton, Kan., Liberal route. 27-2tp

FOR SALE—A new No. 1 Edison diamond disc phonograph for quick sale. Please see at 804 N. Grant, Liberal. 27-1tp

FOR SALE—Thirty-six high grade Poland China pigs just weaned. Priced right. See R. M. or V. K. Gilbert, 5 miles north and 3 1-2 west of the city. 27-2tp

FOR SALE—3 dozen Ancona hens and pullets, full blood. R. J. Carson, 3 miles north of Liberal. 27-1tp

LOST—Broad tire off wagon, east of town, Monday. Finder please leave at the vessel blacksmith shop. J. C. Rodgers. 27-1tp

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